

**MAMDOUH'S MASTERS:
The Boardroom Against the Classroom**

York University administrators, including the president, are not actually in control of the institution they nominally run. Like the plant managers who oversee the operations of all the other factories, mills, mines, and offices in the country, they are merely the managers of this particular plant, York University, one small piece of the profit empire owned and controlled by the interlocked interests of Canadian capital. What makes York University unique among Canadian universities is the extent to which the full range of those interests, and concentrated wealth, are transparently represented by the members of its Board of Governors and the directors of its extra-statutory shadow Board, the York University Foundation. Despite all the august trappings of his Office, President Shoukri is just another of their many hired hands, his apparent arrogance and authority but the reverse side of his deference and subordination. He is paid well, as are his minions, but their collective compensation is merely lunch money to those they must unfailingly serve.

YORK UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS (partial list)

Chair, Marshall "Mickey" Cohen, corporate lawyer, director, Barrick Gold, former CEO of Molson's and funds manager of the Reichman family empire, Olympia and York.

Guy Burry, merchant banker, Tenth Power Inc.

Paul Cantor, President of the investment arm of CIBC bank, former CEO National Trust Company, Confederation Life Insurance Corp.

Peter Curry, CFO, Northern Telecom, former CFO of Royal Bank and North American Life Assurance

David Denison, CEO, CPP Investment Board, Fidelity Investments

Terri Lynne Devonish, corporate counsel, Aon Canada, HSBC bank

Julia Foster, McCann Erickson Advertising, former CEO Olympic Trust, director, Brascan

Rosemary Heneghen, Director, International Sales and Operations, IBM

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Zaher Janmohamed, Human Resources director, Mt. Pleasant Group, Telus, CIBC Bank, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Robert Lewis, Vice President, Content Development, Rogers Media, former editor-in-chief of Maclean's magazine (owned by Rogers Media)

Samuel Schwartz, corporate counsel for firms in the biotech industry

Kuttmol Kurlan, CFO, Alpha Laboratories, Inc.

Randall Oliphant, former CEO, Barrick Gold

Anna Porter, CEO Key Porter Books

Mark Livonen, CEO, sanofi pasteur, multinational pharmaceutical company

David Tsubouchi, MPP, former Minister in the Harris government.

YORK UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOARD (partial list)

Chair, Timothy Price, CEO, Brookfield Funds, formerly CEO of Brascan and the Edper Group, holding company for the Toronto Bronfman family empire

Lindsay Duffield, CEO, BMW Group

Ivan Fecan, CEO, CTV Globe Media

Aidan Flatley, Kenaidan Contracting Ltd. (major contractor for the Schulich School of Business

Barry Gales, partner, Midland Group, international merchant banking and investment firm

Alonna Goldfarb, partner, Goldfarb Intelligence Marketing

William Hatanaka, CEO, TD Waterhouse

Jon Hountalas, Executive Vice President, HSBC Bank

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John Hunkin, former CEO, CIBC bank

Julia Koschitzky, IKO Group international construction materials company

Robert W. Merton, Director, Enbridge, HSBC bank

Al Monaco, Executive Vice President, Enbridge

Seymour Schulich, CEO, Newmount Capital, Newmount Mining, world's largest gold-mining company

Honey Sherman, wife of Barry Sherman, CEO of generic pharmaceutical company Apotex, purportedly Canada's richest man

Howard Sokolowski, CEO Tribute Homes (developer of York Village), co-owner Argos football team

Henry Wu, President, Metropolitan Hotels

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These are Mamdough's Masters, the pipers of the tunes to which he dances. Sooner or later, those who dare to challenge York's President in defence of the educational mission of York University must invariably confront them, their anti-union regime, and their wide web of interests as well. Until that happens, especially in concert with like-minded people from their other plants across the country (and not just universities) York University will remain their privatized profit-minded preserve and all the drama of campus discord will remain impotently academic.